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Advertise? Youdorter.

Subscribe, whydonthu?

Johnny get your gun!

Looks like old Whiskeranz wants to be the kaiser over here.

Since the season has advanced thus far we have given up angling in favor of golfing.

We gitchu, Beasley. Fact is, 'twas so stupid of us to misappropriate the credit line, don'tchu.

A gentleman referred to our linotype as a "do-funny." What shall we do with him, Mr. Mergenthaler?

Will the Kinston News kindly inform us if Lil' Buddy is still single or taking his meals at home? It has been reported to us, &c, &c.

The curious thing is how have we neglected improvements so long with taxable property listed at one and one half millions.

From the tone of their talk, you'd think the Republicans are going to carry every state in the union except Vermont and Utah this fall.

It ought to be known by Monday at least if there will continue to be a Bull Moose party. Something definite was promised on that date, wasn't it?

We note with relief that the Austrians have evacuated Vojbyzulzeq. We now will watch the Russians take Druxzkqlizeq and Rxyzpwfkcsqjv.

Senator James H. Brady of Idaho says, regarding the Mexican situation, "Wipe 'em up." Another American whose patriotism has been brought up to the boiling point. We second the motion, Senator.

The Norlina Headlight is in bad. Bro. Hardy says his chief printer has gone to Mexico and he has been attending court. Accept our "sympathy," your printer must have been an anti-preparedness man.

A subscriber has asked us if we think there will be a war with Mexico. In reply, beg to say that it all depends on whether Carranza can satisfy us in avowals and promises. Trust the sub appreciates our view.

After all, the asylum investigation at Raleigh amounted to just what was expected. Now the accused head of the institution may return to his work of earring for the fellow who instigated the whole business, for he is back in with same old trouble.

Dr. Ira M. Hardy of Kinston, brother of our townsman, Mr. R. L. Hardy, announces that he will give free medical service to the wives, mothers and all other dependant members of families of national guardsmen who may be called to Mexico. This act is patriotic indeed and worthy of emulation.

A contemporary, in speaking editorially about the impending war with Mexico, aptly remarks that it is a most notable fact that the preparedness agitators are not rushing to the colors in numbers that would appear in keeping with their doctrine. The brother is right in what he says, and we might add that it has always been so with those who specialize in chin music. Talk is about all there is to them.

The Reason.

The following unique epistle was picked up lately in the street:
"Dear Bill: The reason I didn't laff when you laff at me in the postoffice yesterday was becuz I hev a bite on my face and I can't laff. If I laff she'll be mad. But I love you, Bill, like or no like, laff or no laff."—Exchange.

CUT IT ALL OUT.

The present agitation for a bond issue has and is still meeting with the hearty approval of practically every citizen of the town. Every one admits the need of waterworks, sewerage, etc., and former indifferent and cool personages are getting their heads together on the proposition for common good.

But the old pain is still in evidence. The reservation of a portion of past things still hangs.

There yet lacks that whole-souled co-operation which does so much good in other towns where two or more businesses of a similar nature are conducted. The allied interests of the town are split to some degree, as yet; that is, a very weak spirit of business friendliness is in evidence. This should NOT be. We all live here, and must exist at each other's expense, so to speak, more or less.

Let's cut out this factionalism—all of it—reserve nothing. It is doing nobody good—everybody is being hurt by its existence—including the innocent. It is a most whimsical thing on the part of anyone to withdraw from any individual or concern the support it should have for the reasons it is NOW doing. Give a business or a man proper credit for what he or it does.

We can't make it any plainer without calling names and exposing evidence which we have.

LAUGH WITH US.

Axiomatic.

"Why did you quit your last place? Wasn't your work congenial?"
"Lady, no work is congenial."—Detroit Free Press.

In Haste.

Willie—"Dad, what do the lawyers call a man that's been sued?"
Dad—"A pseudonym, William. Can't you see I'm busy?"—Judge.

Wasting Time.

Daughter—"Father, our domestic science professor is teaching us how to spend money."
Parent (interrupting)—Why doesn't he teach fish how to swim?—Pitt Panther.

II Pensive.

The faithful hen now seems to be in a rather thoughtful mood; for over may subjects, she apparently doth brood.
—Newark (Ohio) Advocate.

Tentonic Consideration.

"Lance-Corporal T.—(2d Suffolk), who was captured by the enemy at the battle of Mons, is happy in his interment. He has a wife and six children."—Petersborough, Eng. Advertiser.

He Is Used To It.

A little boy who had a pair of goats was driving same down the street the other day heavily loaded, when a lady said to him that his goats were very strong, whereupon the boy remarked, "I know it but I'm used to it now."

Dream Come True.

"Did you ever dream of being a pirate when you were a boy?"
"Oh, yes. Isn't it queer? Now I'm in the prosaic business of managing an automobile repair shop."
"Umph! You didn't miss it so far."
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Safer Not.

"I want to see your beauty editor," said the caller at the sanctum of a popular magazine.
"Are you following her advice?"
"I am."
"Got confidence in it?"
"I have."
"Then you don't want to see her."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Couldn't Route Them That Way.

A society for disseminating religious literature once sent a bundle of tracts to a railway manager for placing in the waiting room, with the title: "A Route to New Jerusalem." He returned them with the message: "We cannot place the tracts, as New Jerusalem is not on our system."—New York American.

Harden.

"Mr. Editor, the Mayor spoke very feelingly when welcoming us here and sympathized with us in the hardships we endured while prisoners in G. S. W. A., but I can assure you all those hardships can be considered as a pleasure when comparing them with the magnificent reception that was extended us."—Letter from a released prisoner of war in the Capetown (B. S. A.) Cape Times.

Silent, But Eloquent.

Otto H. Kahn, who has given his estate in England as a home for blind soldiers, was talking about the horrors of war.

"The other day," he said, "two men on a Heligoland pier saw a huge cargo of wooden legs being loaded on a steamer for shipment to Europe."

"Those wooden legs," said the first man, "are a mighty eloquent argument against war, are they not?"

"Yes, the other man agreed; 'they're what you might call stump speeches.'"
—Washington Star.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Painless dentistry is the art of drawing it mild.

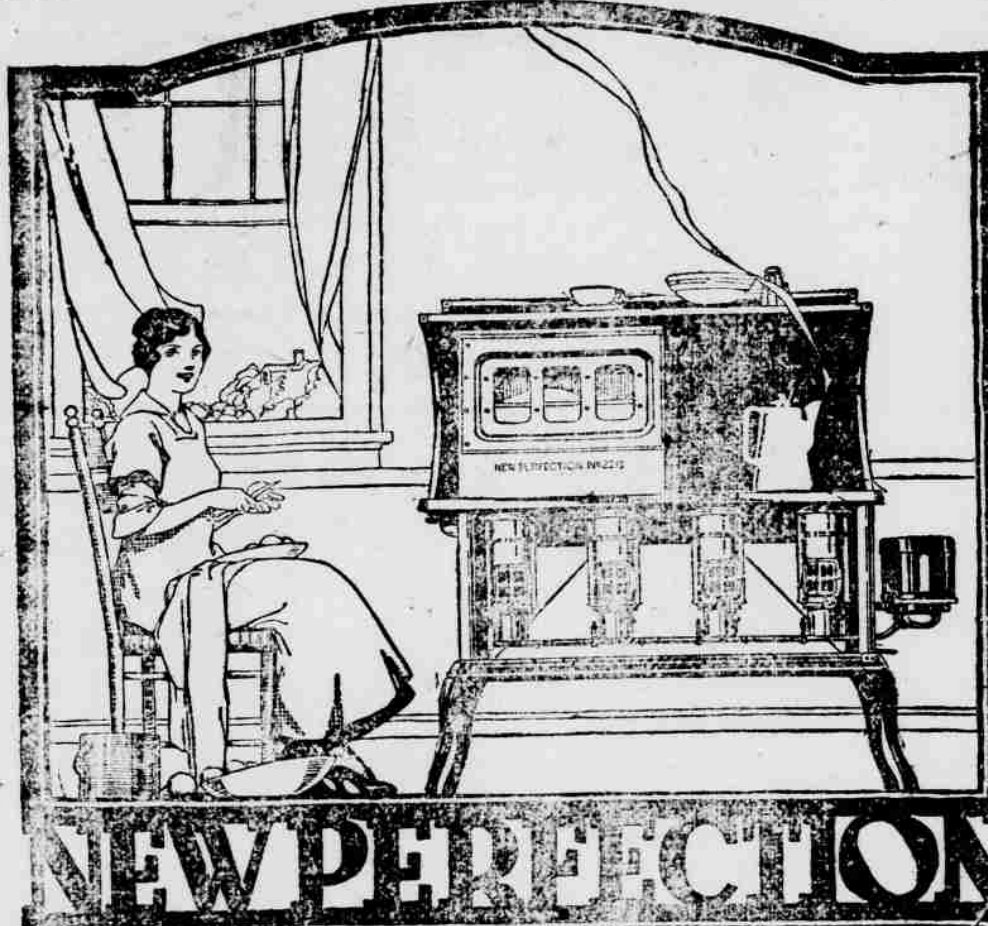
A kiss by moonlight is one of love's strongest arguments.

A baby cuts his teeth before he is on speaking terms with them.

Few women who dive into the sea of matrimony manage to bring up pearls.

Some people can't stand prosperity, but the majority don't get a chance to try.

Many a girl has given up an easy job at a good salary for the sake of working all the rest of her life for her board and clothes.—Chicago News.



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Completed the story.

An inspector one day visited a country school.
"Now, children, I wish you to take notice of what I do and then write an account of it. Then he stepped to the blackboard and wrote: 'I love a good school.'"

All the children wrote in effect that the inspector came into the school and wrote on the blackboard. One little girl followed instructions to the letter.

"And then he went to the platform, sat down, played with his watch chain, twiddled his mustache, and winked at the lady teacher."—Pittsburgh Telegraph.

So many people wait in vain for their ships to come in because they were never launched.

The man who never forgets a favor or gives an injury isn't apt to make a good friend.

OVERLOOKED CLEE.

The Commonwealth inadvertently omitted the name of Mr. Clee Vaughan from the list of signers to the petition in the issue of last Friday. Mr. Vaughan was one of the first signers and it is a pleasure to be able to make the above excuse for the omission of his name from the list.

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